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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

In re:	Case No.: BK-S-09-14814-LBR (Jointly Administered)
THE RHODES COMPANIES, LLC, aka "Rhodes Homes," et al.,1	Chapter 11
Debtors.	
Affects:	Hearing Date: August 28, 2009

Framing, LLC (Case No. 09-14818); Geronimo Plumbing LLC (Case No. 09-14820); Gung-Ho Concrete LLC (Case No. 09-14822); Bravo, Inc. (Case No. 09-14825); Elkhorn Partners, A Nevada Limited Partnership (Case No. 09-14828); Six Feathers Holdings, LLC (Case No. 09-14833); Elkhorn Investments, Inc. (Case No. 09-14837); Jarupa, LLC (Case No. 09-14839); Rhodes Realty, Inc. (Case No. 09-14841); C & J Holdings, Inc. (Case No. 09-14843); Rhodes Ranch General Partnership (Case No. 09-14844); Rhodes Design and Development Corporation (Case No. 09-14846); Parcel 20, LLC (Case No. 09-14848); Tuscany Acquisitions IV, LLC (Case No. 09-14859); Tuscany Acquisitions III, LLC (Case No. 09-14852); Tuscany Acquisitions, LLC (Case No. 09-14853); Rhodes Ranch Golf Country Club, LLC (Case No. 09-14854); Overflow,

¹ The Debtors in these cases, along with their case numbers are: Heritage Land Company, LLC (Case No. 09-14778); The Rhodes Companies, LLC (Case No. 09-14814); Tribes Holdings, LLC (Case No. 09-14817); Apache

LP (Case No. 09-14856); Wallboard, LP (Case No. 09-14858); Jackknife, LP (Case No. 09-14860); Batcave, LP (Case No. 09-14861); Chalkline, LP (Case No. 09-14862); Glynda, LP (Case No. 09-14865); Tick, LP (Case No. 09-14866); Rhodes Arizona Properties, LLC (Case No. 09-14868); Rhodes Homes Arizona, L.L.C. (Case No. 09-

14882); Tuscany Golf Country Club, LLC (Case No. 09-14884); and Pinnacle Grading, LLC (Case No. 09-14887).

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1 2 3	☐ All Debtors ☐ Affects the following Debtor(s) RHODES RANCH GOLF COUNTRY CLUB Hearing Time: 1:30 p.m. Courtroom 1
4	DEBTOR'S OBJECTION TO THE CIT GROUP/COMMERCIAL SERVICES INC.'S
5	CLAIM PURSUANT TO SECTION 502(b) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE,
6	BANKRUPTCY RULES 3003 AND 3007 (NON-DEBTOR CLAIM)
7	Rhodes Ranch Golf Country Club, LLC and its affiliated debtors (collectively, the
8	"Debtors"), by their undersigned counsel, hereby object (the "Objection") to the claim of The
9	CIT Group/Commercial Services Inc. (the "Non-Debtor Claim") attached hereto as Exhibit A ,
10	because the claim is a non-Debtor claim erroneously filed against the Debtors. Pursuant to
11	section 502(b) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), and Rules 3003
12	and 3007 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), the Debtors
13	request the entry of an order (the "Order") disallowing and expunging in full the Disputed Claim
14	as indicated in further detail below. ² In support of this Objection, the Debtors rely on the
15	Declaration of Paul D. Huygens in Support of Debtors' Objection to The CIT
16	Group/Commercial Services Inc.'s Claim Pursuant to Section 502(b) of the Bankruptcy Code,
17	Bankruptcy Rules 3003 and 3007 [Non-Debtor Claim], attached hereto as Exhibit B. In further
18	support of this Objection, the Debtors respectfully represent as follows:
19 20	<u>BACKGROUND</u>
21	1. On March 31, 2009, the above-captioned Debtors (the "Primary Filers") except
22	Tuscany Golf Country Club, LLC, Pinnacle Grading, LLC, and Rhodes Homes Arizona, LLC
23	(the "Secondary Filers") filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the
23	Bankruptcy Code. On April 1, 2009, the Secondary Filers filed voluntary petitions for relief
25	under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. (All references to Petition Date herein shall mean
26	March 31, 2009 for the Primary Filers or April 1, 2009 for the Secondary Filers, as applicable.)
27	The Debtors are continuing in possession of their property and are operating and managing their
28	The Debtors reserve the right to file additional omnibus objections, whether on substantive or non-substantive

grounds, to any and all other claims filed against their estates.

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full the Non-Debtor Claim as indicated in further detail below.

this Objection, no response has been received.

businesses, as debtors in possession, pursuant to sections 1107 and 1108 of the Bankruptcy

RELIEF REQUESTED

of the Bankruptcy Code, and Bankruptcy Rules 3003 and 3007, disallowing and expunging in

OBJECTION

which was sold by the Debtors to Rhodes Ranch Golf, Inc., a non-Debtor affiliate of the Debtors,

in December 2008, as required under their credit agreement. The Debtors have not operated the

Rhodes Ranch golf course since December 2008; therefore, the Non-Debtor Claim is not a valid

claim against the Debtors, but rather is a claim against a non-debtor affiliate of the Debtors upon

withdraw its claim to avoid an objection being filed. See Exhibit C. As of the date and filing of

information and belief. The Debtor sent the claimant a letter requesting that the claimant

The Non-Debtor claim relates to expenses of the Rhodes Ranch golf course,

By this Objection, the Debtors seek entry of an order, pursuant to section 502(b)

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4. Bankruptcy Code section 502 authorizes a party in interest to object to claims.

See 11 U.S.C. §502(a). Although a proper proof of claim is presumed valid under Bankruptcy

Rule 3001(f), once an objection controverts the presumption, the creditor has the ultimate burden

of persuasion as to the validity and amount of the claim. Ashford v. Consolidated Pioneer

Mortg. (In re Consolidated Pioneer Mortg.), 178 B.R. 222, 226 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1995), aff'd, 91

F.3d 151 (9th Cir. 1996) (quoting *In re Allegheny International, Inc.*, 954 F.2d 167, 173-74 (3d

Cir. 1992)). The Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Ninth Circuit explained the shifting

burdens of proof with respect to objection to proofs of claim as follows:

The burden of proof for claims brought in the bankruptcy court under 11 U.S.C.A. § 502(a) rests on different parties at different times. Initially, the claimant must allege facts sufficient to support the claim. If the averments in his filed claim meet this standard of

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sufficiency, it is "prima facie" valid. In other words, a claim that alleges facts sufficient to support a legal liability to the claimant satisfies the claimant's initial obligation to go forward. . . . The burden of persuasion is always on the claimant.

Id. (emphasis added). Following this decision, the District Court for the Northern District of California emphasized, "unless the claimant has alleged 'facts sufficient to support a legal liability, 'the claim is not prima facie valid." In re Hongnisto, 293 B.R. 45, 50 (N.D. Cal. 2003) (quoting Consolidated Pioneer Mortg., 178 B.R. at 266) (holding that the claimant's proof of claim failed to allege sufficient facts to support a legal liability and consequently disallowed the proof of claim); see Consolidated Pioneer Mortg., 178 B.R. at 227 (holding that because the proof of claim did not allege sufficient facts to support the claim, the proof of claim was disallowed).

5. Based on the Debtors' review of their books and records and the proof of claim filed by the claimant, the claimant has no valid legal justification for asserting the filed claim against the Debtors. As a result, the Debtors submit that this claim should be expunged by the Court.

CONCLUSION

6. The Debtors object to the allowance of the Non-Debtor Claim as set forth herein for the reasons stated herein, and the Debtors hereby move this Court for an Order disallowing and expunging the Non-Debtor Claim.

NOTICE

7. No trustee or examiner has been appointed in these chapter 11 cases. Notice of this objection has been provided to (i) the United States Trustee for the District of Nevada, (ii) counsel to the Creditors' Committee, (iii) the creditor for which the Debtors are objecting to the claim in this Objection in accordance with the address provided in the proof of claim for the Non-Debtor Claim, (iv) each person or entity that has filed a notice of appearance and request for special notice, and (v) other required parties pursuant to the Court's case management order

entered in these cases. The Debtors submit that in light of the nature of the relief requested herein, no other or further notice is required.

8. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3007, the Debtors have provided the claimant affected by this Objection with at least thirty (30) days' notice of the hearing on the Objection.

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter an Order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit D**, disallowing and expunging the Non-Debtor Claim, and granting such other and further relief as the Court deems just an proper under the circumstances of these chapter 11 cases.

DATED this 28th day of July, 2009.

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EXHIBIT A



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money or property): The CIT Group/Commercial Services Inc. Name and address where notices should be sent: 11 West 42nd Street. New York, NY 10036 Telephone number: 212-461-5429 Account or other number by which creditor identifies debtor: 1020073 1. Basis for Claim Soods sold Services performed Money loaned Personal injury/wrongful death Taxes Other 2. Date debt was incurred: 4/16/09 - 4/20/09 4. Total Amount of Claim at Time Case Filed: 1f all or part of your claim is secured or entitle to priority, also complete Irem 5 or 6 below. Check this box if claim includes interest or other charges in addition to the principal amount of the claim. Attach itemized statement of all interest or additional charges. S. Secured Claim: Red Etaba Motor Vehicle Other Amount of arrearage and other charges at time case filed included in secured claim, if any: \$ Time Shace is few Court Use Only Your SS #: Unpaid compensation for services performed from to (date) (date) (date) (date) (date) 6. Unsecured Priority Claim. Check this tox if your claim is secured or entitle to priority, also complete Irem 5 or 6 below. Check this tox if your claim is secured or entitle to priority, also complete Irem 5 or 6 below. Check this tox if your claim is secured or entitle to priority, also complete Irem 5 or 6 below. Amount entitled to priority of the claim: Wages, salaries, or commission (up to \$4.650)* earned within 90 days before in fig. of the backpurey prestine or essation of the debtor basines, whethere residence of perfection of lien. Do Not SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. If the documents are not available, explain. If the documents are not available, explai	NOTE: This form should not be used to make a claim for an administrative	•	
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STATEMENT



Customer's Name: RHODES RANCH GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB, A/K/A: RHODES RANCH GOLF CLUB, RHODES RANCH COUNTRY CLUB		Date: 4/21/2009				
Address	ES RANCH PARKV					
LAS VEGA	AS, NV 89148					
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Affects the following Debtor(s) Rhodes Ranch Golf Country Club, LLC 09-14854-LBR

Courtroom 1

DECLARATION OF PAUL D. HUYGENS IN SUPPORT OF DEBTORS' OBJECTION TO THE CIT GROUP/COMMERCIAL SERVICES INC.'S CLAIM [NON-DEBTOR **CLAIM**]

- I, Paul D. Huygens, declare as follows:
- 1. I am the Senior Vice President of Special Projects of the above-captioned Debtors and Debtors in possession. The facts set forth in this Declaration are personally known to me and, if called as a witness, I could and would testify thereto.
- 2. This declaration is submitted in support of the Debtors' Objection to the CIT Group/Commercial Services Inc.'s Claim Pursuant to Section 502(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 3003 and 3007 [Non-Debtor Claim] (the "Objection").
- 3. I am one of the persons responsible for overseeing the claims reconciliation and objection process in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases. I have read the Debtors' Objection, and am directly, or by and through my personnel or agents, familiar with the information contained therein, the proposed form of order (the "Proposed Order") and the exhibits attached thereto.
- 4. The claim and attached information and documentation were carefully reviewed and analyzed in good faith, and the Debtors' books and records were referenced for additional support, utilizing due diligence by appropriate personnel of the Debtors. These efforts have resulted in the identification of the disputed "Non-Debtor Claim", identified in Exhibit "A" to the Objection. I have personally reviewed the Non-Debtor Claim.
- 5. The Non-Debtor claim relates to expenses of the Rhodes Ranch golf course, which was sold by the Debtors to Rhodes Ranch Golf, Inc. in December 2008. Rhodes Ranch Golf, Inc. is a non-Debtor affiliate of the Debtors. The Debtors have not operated the Rhodes Ranch golf course since December 2008.
- 6. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the claim attached as Exhibit "A" is not a valid claim against the Debtors, but is a claim against non-debtor affiliates

of the Debtors. The claimant has no valid legal justification for asserting the filed claim against the given Debtor. As a result, I believe that this claim should be disallowed and expunged by the Court.

7. I believe that granting the relief requested in the Objection is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates and their creditors.

I declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Executed this 2 day of July, 2009, at Las Vegas, Nevada.

Paul D. Huygens

EXHIBIT

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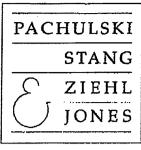
Christine Dery
The CIT Group/Commercial
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Re: The Rhodes Companies, LLC, et al. USBC Case No. 09-14814 LBR

Dear Christine:

This firm represents Rhodes Ranch Golf Country Club (the "Debtor") in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada (Case No. 09-14854 LBR). You filed a proof of claim on behalf of The CIT Group/Commercial Services Inc. designated as proof of claim number 1 in the amount of \$1,568.75 in the Debtor's bankruptcy case.

Based on the invoice attached to your company's proof of claim, the claim relates to services or goods provided to the Rhodes Ranch golf course, which is no longer owned by the Debtor. In December 2008, the Debtor sold the golf course to a non-Debtor affiliate called Rhodes Ranch Golf, Inc. Rhodes Ranch Golf, Inc. is not a Debtor in these proceedings and is not in bankruptcy. The Debtor has not operated the Rhodes Ranch golf course since December 2008. Furthermore, it is our understanding that your claim has been or will be paid by Rhodes Ranch Golf, Inc.



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Therefore, please withdraw your claim by signing and returning the enclosed Notice of Withdrawal of Claim form by July 20, 2009 so that we may avoid having to object to your claim in the Bankruptcy Court. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Michael A. Matteo, Paralegal

Enclosure

EXHIBIT D

Glynda, LP (Case No. 09-14865); Tick, LP (Case No. 09-14866); Rhodes Arizona Properties, LLC (Case No. 09-14868); Rhodes

Homes Arizona, LLC (Case No. 09- 14882); Tuscany Golf Country Club, LLC (Case No. 09-14884); and Pinnacle Grading, LLC

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ORDER SUSTAINING DEBTOR'S OBJECTION TO THE CIT GROUP/COMMERCIAL SERVICES INC.'S CLAIM PURSUANT TO SECTION 502(b) OF THE BANKRUPTO CODE, BANKRUPTCY RULES 3003 AND 3007 [NON-DEBTOR CLAIM] [RE DOCKET NO.

Upon consideration of Debtor's Objection to The CIT Group/Commercial Inc.'s Claim Pursuant to Section 502(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 3003 and 3007 [Non-Debtor Claim] (the "Objection"), filed by The Rhodes Companies, LLC ("Rhodes") and its affiliated debtors (collectively, the "Debtors"), requesting that the Court enter an order disallowing and expunging in full the Non-Debtor Claim; and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Objection and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and the Court having reviewed the Objection; the Court hereby finds and determines that, pursuant to Rule 3007 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, due and proper notice has been provided to the holder of the claim attached as Exhibit "A" and all other parties entitled to notice; and no other or further notice is necessary; and the relief requested in the Objection is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates and creditors; and that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Objection establishes just cause for the relief requested therein; therefore IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Claim number 1 of The CIT Group/Commercial Inc. filed in the Rhodes Ranch Golf Country Club case in the amount of \$1,568.75 is hereby disallowed, and
- 2. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from the implementation of this Order

² Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Objection.

1	APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:
2	DATED this day of July 2009.
3	By:
4	UNITED STATES TRUSTEE
5	August B. Landis Office of the United States Trustee
6	300 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Ste. 4300 Las Vegas, NV 89101
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8	Submitted by: DATED this day of July 2009.
9	By: /s/ Zachariah Larson
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